GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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SCHEME FOR HILL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any scheme / programme for development of Hill Areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has received requests for similar scheme/programme for Coastal Areas of Orissa;

(d) if so, the details and the action taken by the Union Government on such requests; and

(e) the time by which the Government is likely to chalk out a separate scheme/programme for the Coastal Areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Special Central Assistance is released under the Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) and Western Ghats Development Programme(WGDP) for the development of designated hill areas of the country. HADP covers two districts of Assam, one district of Tamil Nadu and one district of West Bengal and WGDP covers 171 talukas of Western Ghats Region comprising Goa (3 talukas in 1 district), Karnataka (40 talukas in 11 districts), Kerala (32 talukas in13 districts), Maharashtra (63 talukas in 11 districts) and Tamil Nadu (33 talukas in 8 districts). Special Central Assistance is being allocated to the States covered under these programmes on the basis of area and population with equal weightage in the case of HADP and 75% weightage to area and 25% weightage to population in the case of WGDP.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.